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RE: FOIA Request No. 19-01515-F

Dear Emma Best:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated May 21, 2019 and received in this office on May 22, 2019. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following: Request any and all documents in the agency's possession that pertain to the WikiLeaks website or organization from January 2006 to the present date, including but not limited to emails, memos, notes, briefings, reports and other documents.

Attached to this e-mail are 29 pages of documents responsive to your request. The documents provided are:

However, certain information has been withheld according to FOIA exemptions (b)(2), specified below:

- Records or portions of records relating to the applicant's internal information has been withheld because the Department has concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(2). This provision exempts from disclosure predominantly internal matters of a substantial nature, the disclosure of which would risk the circumvention of a statute or Department regulation.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of "news media use requester." However, the Department has provided you with this information at no charge. The Department's release of this information at no cost does not constitute the grant of a fee waiver and does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department. Because we were able to locate and process these documents at minimal costs, they are provided to you at no cost.

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You have the right to appeal this decision by writing to the address below, 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at  
[www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf).

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure